

Commissioner mixes drinks for charity

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Charley Martin served as a "celebrity" bartender at a Doylestown tavern. Kids for Bucks received part of the proceeds.

Charley Martin, chairman of Bucks County's commissioners, had another job this week - briefly.

He was a "celebrity" bartender at The Other Side in Doylestown for two hours Thursday.

The proprietors of the North Main Street establishment have been inviting representatives from local businesses, nonprofit groups and schools to help serve customers once a week for the past two months. The bar then donates 20 percent of its sales during those stints to a charity of the guest bartender's choice.

Martin, the last such guest until next year, chose Kids for Bucks, which raises money for needy children.

Earl Caffrey, The Other Side's general manager, said previous efforts had raised between \$200 and \$450 for groups such as the American Red Cross and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. He also promised an additional \$100 to the charity of the guest bartender who brought in the most money.

While final sales figures haven't been tabulated yet, Caffrey said that bonus money seemed certain to go to Martin's charity. "He's going to win for sure. This is the largest turnout we've had for one of these," Caffrey said.

Much of that turnout was due to other county leaders and employees coming in to support Martin or give him a hard time.

Commissioner Jim Cawley had Martin make him a Southern Comfort Manhattan. He said he normally would have asked for a beer, but that would have been too easy.

"I think it's a wonderful thing as a public official to, in a unique way, give something back to the community," Cawley said, adding that it was "nice to have Charley Martin wait on me."

Several other customers weren't completely sure who the new guy serving them was.

Anastasia Przybylski of Doylestown said a friend had to identify Martin for her. "I wouldn't have recognized him," she said, "but I do now."

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